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Mr. John Chappuis
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Dear Mr. Chappius:

We are pleased to inform you that your proposed amendment, submitted on May 20, 2004, to Montana's section 1115 Medicaid demonstration has been approved. This amendment corrects a technical error contained in the budget neutrality section (Attachment C) of the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) that were approved on January 29, 2004. This change will add one month to the trending necessary to span the base year to the beginning of the demonstration year. This amendment is effective retroactive to February 1, 2004, the beginning of the demonstration.

These STCs set forth in detail the nature, character, and extent of anticipated Federal involvement in the project. The STCs that have been revised are in Attachment C and we have enclosed a copy of the applicable revised STCs for your review. The award is subject to our receiving your written acceptance of the award within 30 days of the date of this letter.

All requirements of the Medicaid program expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement, not expressly waived or identified as not applicable in this letter, shall apply to the Montana demonstration.

Your section 1115 demonstration project officer is Jeneen Bell. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other demonstration-related issues. Ms. Bell's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Bell and to Ms. Diane Livesay, Associate Regional Administrator in our Denver Regional Office. Ms. Livesay's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786-5647. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dennis G. Smith
Director

Enclosure

cc: Alex Trujillo, Denver Regional Office
